GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIANS LANGUISHING IN FOREIGN JAILS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian nationals languishing in jails in various countries, country-wise;

(b) whether the Government have taken any steps to get them released and bring them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) A statement giving the number of Indian nationals in foreign jails country-wise, as per information available with the Government, is annexed.

(b)&(c)As soon as Indian diplomatic mission is informed of the arrest of an Indian national in a foreign country, a request is made by it to the host Government, for seeking consular access. An official of the Mission visits the detainee to ascertain the circumstances leading to the arrest. Where necessary, the Mission takes up the matter with the host Government for speedy and fair trial and also for review of the sentence. The prisoners are normally released on completion of their sentence. In deserving cases, our Missions approach the local authorities for remission of sentences.

In Gulf countries, during the holy month of Ramadan, our Missions send formal requests for Royal Pardon for release of Indian prisoners on humanitarian grounds.

Unless deported to India by the concerned country after completion of prison sentence as per the local laws, the Indian diplomatic mission facilitates repatriation of the Indian prisoner to India after his release.

ANNEXURE

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INDIANS LANGUISHING IN FOREIGN JAILS

Country	No. of Indians in Jails
Azerbaijan	02
Bahrain	64
Bangladesh	620
Belarus	01
Bhutan	47
Brunei	01
China (Hong Kong)	28
Denmark	02
Egypt	12
Fiji	03
Finland	01
Germany	224
Georgia	01
Greece	184
Indonesia	02
Iran	15
Iraq	01
Ireland	01
Israel	02
Italy	34
Jamaica	14

Japan 03
Republic of Korea 07
Kuwait 162
Lebanon 36
Libya 03
Madagascar 02
Malaysia 697 (in detention camps/jails)
Maldives 25
Mauritius 44
Myanmar 32
Nepal 280
Netherland 105
New Zealand 09
Sultanate of Oman 40
Pakistan 1239
Panama 03
Philippines 03
Qatar 27
Saudi Arabia 1240
Singapore 226
South Africa 04
Sri Lanka 43
Syrian Arab Rep. 01
Thailand 36
Ukraine 03
UAE 1097
UK 130
USA 260
Yemen 02
Uzbekistan 01

Total: 6919